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SUBJECT: REACTION TO DEATH OF MP INDICATIVE OF CONTINUING TENSION  
IN KENYA

1. PUBLIC REACTION TO APRIL 19 DEATH OF JOHNSTONE  
MUTHIORA, KIKUYU MP WHO ATTAINED NATIONAL PROMINENCE IN LAST  
OCTOBER'S GENERAL ELECTIONS WHEN HE DEFEATED FOREIGN MINISTER  
MUNGAI, IS INDICATIVE OF CONTINUING TENSION IN KENYA. THOUGH  
MUTHIORA, 38, APPARENTLY DIED OF BLOOD POISONING FOLLOWING  
A RECENT VISIT TO INDIA, IT IS POPULARLY BELIEVED HE WAS  
POISONED BY MUNGAI. STUDENT LEADER IN SPEECH AT APRIL 26  
BURIAL SERVICES CALLED FOR CREATION OF PARLIAMENTARY SELECT  
COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE MUTHIORA'S DEATH SIMILAR TO ONE  
ESTABLISHED FOLLOWING MARCH 2 SLAYING OF J.M. KARIUKI.  
(COMMENT: PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE LOOKING INTO KARIUKI'S MURDER  
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HAS BEEN WORKING THROUGHOUT CURRENT EASTER RECESS AND IS

EXPECTED TO SUBMIT PRELIMINARY REPORT SHORTLY AFTER ASSEMBLY  
RECONVENES APRIL 29.)

2. AROUND 3,500 (INCLUDING 100-200 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS)  
ATTENDED BURIAL SERVICES FOR MUTHIORA. WHEN CONDOLENCE MESSAGE  
FROM PRESIDENT KENYATTA WAS READ, CROWD BEGAN TO MURMUR AND  
WHISTLE. APPARENTLY FEARING A POLICE REACTION, SCORES OF  
SPECTATORS AT FRONT NEAR GRAVE BEGAN TO PANIC, RUNNING AWAY FROM  
SCENE. POLICE TOOK NO ACTION, SOME DODGING BEHIND TREES TO  
AVOID ONRUSHING CROWD. KENYATTA MESSAGE LOST IN SHOUTING AND  
GENERAL CONFUSION. TWO OR THREE MINUTES LATER CROWD REALIZED  
NOTHING WAS AMISS AND REASSEMBLED, BUT TENSION REMAINED.

3. COMMENT: MUTHIORA'S DEATH, LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AFTER  
SLAYING OF J.M. KARIUKI, HAS REKINDLED OVERT CRITICISM OF  
PRESIDENT KENYATTA AND GOK WHICH HAD DIMINISHED SOMEWHAT  
SINCE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RECESSED IN EARLY APRIL. THIS  
CRITICISM CAN BE EXPECTED TO INCREASE SHARPLY IF, AS EXPECTED,  
PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING KARIUKI'S MURDER  
COMES OUT WITH FINDINGS DAMAGING TO GOVERNMENT.

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